



**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**

Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

**Lake Mead National
Recreation Area**

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

Harbor defined: For the purpose of this compendium, the term "harbor" is defined as an area containing one or more of the following facilities: marina docking and/or slips, fueling and/or sanitation pump out stations, and launch ramps. Wake less buoy lines and/or breakwater barriers extending to and including the shoreline therein designate harbor areas.

I. 36 CFR §1.5(a)(1) - VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

The violation of a closure, restriction or condition designated under §1.5(a) is cited under §1.5(f).

1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits

Heavy Equipment Inspection

Heavy Equipment to include all earth moving heavy equipment will be clean of all plants, seeds, and flora material before entering Lake Mead NRA. An inspection is required before any earth moving heavy equipment is off loaded and delivered in Lake Mead NRA to the National Park Service, an individual business contractor, National Park Service concession operation, or any other contractors within the boundaries of Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain activity:

Visiting Hours

Lake Mead National Recreation Area is open 24 hours per day, with the following exceptions:

- Katherine Ranger Station is generally open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, 7 days a week.
- Alan Bible Visitor Center is generally open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, 7 days a week.
- Park Headquarters, Boulder City is generally open from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday - Friday

Park visitor centers are open based upon personnel availability.

Rogers Spring (located near Echo Bay, Nevada) is open sunrise until 10:00 pm.

The Rogers Spring area is not an authorized camping area. This closure is necessary to prevent unauthorized camping, litter, and contamination of spring waters.

- Boulder Beach is open to motor vehicles from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, and from 6:00 AM to dusk from Labor Day weekend to Memorial Day weekend. It is open to pedestrian use 24 hours a day.

Nighttime activities on the beach, such as music from car stereos and the noise of vehicle engines, create unreasonable noise for campers in Boulder Campground. This closure is necessary to maintain acceptable conditions for campers, to prevent camping in unauthorized areas, and to prevent other common violations (such as underage alcohol consumption, litter, and vehicle travel off of established routes).

Closures

- The Boulder Harbor fishing pier and Willow Beach fishing pier are closed to mooring of vessels, diving, jumping or otherwise entering the water.

The pier was constructed and installed for the purpose of providing an accessible fishing location for persons of all abilities.

- The following areas are closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or that has been opened, or whose seal is broken or the contents of which have been partially removed.
 1. On the beach and/or parking area at the end of Approved Road 47, and within a one mile radius of Placer Cove, Nevada ¹.
 2. The consumption or direct possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person operating a vessel is prohibited ².

Closure enacted under the authority 36 C.F.R. §2.35 (3)(i)

This closure imposed does not apply to an open container of an alcoholic beverage that is stored in compliance with the provisions of 36 C.F.R. §4.14

¹. Easy access to the lake has made this location popular for a variety of different uses. High cliffs (commonly used for cliff jumping) also make this an attractive location. Late-night parties, alcohol consumption, and underage drinking have contributed to visitor conflicts and safety concerns in this area. Alcohol use is a factor in falling/jumping injuries and fatalities, and in drowning. Incidents of aberrant behavior related to the consumption of alcohol at this location have been of such magnitude that the diligent application of authorities in this section and § 2.34 of this chapter over a reasonable time period have not alleviated the problem.

². Boating is a potentially hazardous activity. Operators of vessels must devote full time and attention to boating. Alcohol impairment by boat operators directly affects safe boat operation, and alcohol impairment is a known factor in boating accidents, injuries and fatalities at Lake Mead NRA.

- Glass beverage containers and styrofoam;

The Lake Mead National Recreation Area is closed to glass beverage containers and Styrofoam, the possession of glass beverage containers and Styrofoam is prohibited except:

1. Within domiciles.
2. Within Concession operated food and beverage service areas.
3. Stored within vehicles.
 - An enforcement/educational grace period will be honored by the National Park Service for this closure through January 2010 in areas not previously closed.

The restriction on glass beverage containers and Styrofoam is based on safety and environmental concerns. Glass beverage containers are not appropriate at Lakes Mead and Mohave, as the number of injuries related to this type of container continues to be an issue. Styrofoam does not breakdown and can be a problem for wildlife. Based on these concerns, the National Park Service has closed the above areas to glass beverage containers and Styrofoam.

- The operation of any vessel using an internal combustion engine as a source of propulsion is prohibited in the following Primitive areas:
 - the area known as the Gypsum Beds, which is described as Arizona T31N; R20W, portions of sections 2, 3, 10, and 11; and ([Link to Map](#))
 - the area known as the Virgin River inflow to Lake Mead, which is described as Nevada T36N; R68E, portions of sections 25, 26, 34, 35, and 36. ([Link to Map](#))

(Note: electric trolling motors, when used as the sole source of propulsion, are permitted in the above Primitive areas).

Primitive areas on Lake Mead are managed for solitude and limited evidence of human impact on the landscape. Low watercraft speeds will preserve the areas' tranquil qualities. Noise levels will be low. Prohibiting internal combustion engines and allowing electric trolling motors are necessary to achieve this setting while providing some motorized access.

- Operation of a vessel using an internal combustion engine in excess of 65 horsepower is prohibited in Black Canyon, from the Willow Beach harbor to Hoover Dam, during the designated Semi-Primitive period from the first Tuesday following Labor Day weekend through Friday of Memorial Day weekend. ([Link to Map](#))

Semi-primitive areas are managed for a sense of peace and quiet, with some expectation of solitude. Noise levels will be low. High-speed watercraft recreation is not consistent with these management goals. A 65 horsepower maximum is necessary to achieve this recreational setting, while allowing for adequate power to maintain headway and provide for safe steerage in river currents.

- All motorized vessels are prohibited in Black Canyon, from the Willow Beach harbor to Hoover Dam, during the designated Primitive period of Sundays and Mondays year round except as approved by any administrative agreement.

Primitive areas on Lake Mohave are managed for solitude and limited evidence of human impact on the landscape. Low watercraft speeds will preserve the areas' tranquil qualities. Noise levels will be low. Prohibiting all motorized vessels is necessary to achieve this setting.

- The following areas are closed to all shooting, public hunting, and trapping for reasons of public safety:
 1. All lands and waters within a one-mile radius of: Overton Beach; Redstone Picnic Area; Rogers Spring; Stewarts Point; Echo Bay; Eldorado Canyon; Cottonwood Cove; Willow Beach; Kingman Wash; Bonelli Landing; Temple Bar; Gregg's Hideout; South Cove; Pearce Ferry; and the petroglyph section of Grapevine Canyon located in Section 24 Township 31 South, Range 65

East. For Sheep Hunters - (Note: During bighorn sheep season, closures around Gregg's Hideout and Kingman Wash are reduced to one-half (1/2) mile).

2. Boulder Basin - All lands and waters within the Nevada portion of Boulder Basin. This shall include all of the area from Hoover Dam to a north-south line near the peninsula lying between Hamblin Bay and Rotary Cove. Complete townships or portions thereof located within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area that are included within this closure zone are all in the Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian as follows:

- Township 20 South, Range 63 East
- Township 20 South, Range 64 East
- Township 20 South, Range 65 East
- Township 21 South, Range 66 East, Section 6, 7 & 18
- Township 21 South, Range 63 East
- Township 21 South, Range 63 1/2 East
- Township 21 South, Range 64 East
- Township 21 South, Range 65 East
- Township 22 South, Range 64 East
- Township 22 South, Range 65 East

3. Black Canyon - All lands and waters within a one-half (1/2) mile strip parallel to the Arizona/Nevada state line and running from Willow Beach to the Hoover Dam security zone.

Note: For Bighorn sheep hunters only, during bighorn sheep season, the closure is:

- Reduced to one-fourth mile north and south of Arizona Hot Springs.
- Willow Beach closure is modified (see Backcountry Management Plan) on the south side to accommodate hunters on the slopes of Big Nasty.
- Water closure remains in effect.

4. Katherine Landing, Arizona - All lands and waters within the National Recreation Area boundaries as described:
 - Township 21 North, Range 21 West, Section 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, and the West ½ of Sections 17, 20, and 30.
 - Township 21 North, Range 22 West, Sections 1, 12, and 13.
 - Township 22 North, Range 22 West, Sections 25, 36, and 24, that portion lying south of the 500-kV power line.
5. Katherine Landing, Nevada - All lands and waters commencing at the Arizona/Nevada line at the power line crossing then west to a point on the north section line of Section 4, Township 31 South, Range 66 East, 1/2 mile west of the shoreline of Lake Mohave, then south maintaining a distance of one-half mile west of the shoreline to the southern boundary.

All no hunting zones are depicted on map number 602-60,594, October 2008. Copies of maps are on file at all Ranger Stations and at Park Headquarters in the Chief Park Rangers office.

[Boulder Basin area map](#)
[Gold Butte area map](#)
[Hoover Dam area map](#)
[Lake Mohave north area map](#)
[Lake Mohave south area map](#)
[Overton Arm area map](#)
[Pearce Ferry area map](#)
[Temple Bar area map](#)

- Saddle Island, Lake Mead

The Alfred Merritt Smith Water Treatment Facility at Saddle Island near Boulder Beach, Lake Mead, is closed to all fishing, hiking, and other land-based uses. The closed area extends from the southernmost tip of Saddle Island to approximately 4-1/2 miles north on each side of the island. The closed includes the interior portion of the island, the water areas surrounding the intake systems, all pumping facilities, and the Alfred Merritt Smith Water Treatment Facility immediately west of Saddle Island.

The Basic Water Company intake tower on the southwest side of Saddle Island is closed to all non-authorized personnel and vessels. This closure includes the tower and all waters within 100 feet of it. Vessels and people are prohibited from fastening to buoys that designate this closure area.

These lands, structures and facilities are ordered closed in the interest of public safety and security.

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

Camping Areas:

- Please refer to 36 CFR§2.10 for detailed camping area designations.

Hemenway Fishing Point:

- Hemenway Fishing Point has been designated for shoreline fishing only. All other water-oriented activities, such as boating, fishing from vessels and floating devices, swimming, snorkeling, and SCUBA diving, are prohibited in these areas. The water area at Hemenway Fishing Point shall be clearly marked by buoys indicating the restriction area. In order to be considered wading, a person fishing must be standing with their feet on the bottom and not capable of free flotation through the use of any device.

There are very few areas in the Boulder Basin where fisherman can drive near the shoreline and fish. The Hemenway Fishing Point consists of less than ¼ mile of shoreline in an area of nearly 2 miles of shoreline open to boating, swimming and other activities. Entrance of boats into these areas has resulted in cut fishing lines, fouled propellers, and conflicts between users. This order helps prevent conflicts between boaters and fisherman. This order is contingent upon water levels as the lake rises and lowers.

Lake Mead SCUBA Dive Area:

- Fishing from vessels, float tubes and other floating devices is prohibited in the designated Lake Mead SCUBA Dive Area. Fisherman shall not interfere with, annoy, or endanger any person in the water or boats supporting dive operations.

The primary purpose of the dive area is for SCUBA diving and directly related activities. Shoreline fishing is permitted as long as it does not interfere with dive activities. Casting and trolling hooks in open water (away from shore) and monofilament fishing line create a hazardous situation for divers and support vessels. Vessels engaged in fishing may also restrict or impede support boats from accessing divers in the water.

The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

Backcountry / Wilderness Use:

- Use of the backcountry within Lake Mead National Recreation Area shall be governed by the stipulations set forth in the Backcountry Management Plan, copies of which are on file at the Headquarters Office located at 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, Nevada 89005
- Use of wilderness within the Muddy Mountains Wilderness shall be governed by the Muddy Mountains Wilderness Management Plan. Other Wilderness areas shall be managed under the Backcountry Management Plan until specific Wilderness Management Plans are complete.

Boating:

- After December 31, 2012, no one may operate a vessel that does not meet the 2006 emission standards set by EPA for the manufacturing of two-stroke engines. A person operating a vessel that meets the EPA 2006 emission standards through the use of direct-injection two-stroke or four-stroke engines, or the equivalent thereof, is not subject to this prohibition.

Carburetor two-stroke engines have been shown to discharge as much as 30% of their fuel directly into lake waters. These emissions have the potential to adversely affect water quality, the health of people, and aquatic organisms.

- All occupants of hand-propelled craft operating between Hoover Dam and Mile 43 on Lake Mohave are required to wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) when underway.

The area indicated in this restriction is popular for the use of hand-powered watercraft. The waterway in this area can change quickly from flat, calm water to a strong river current with rapids. Water temperatures are cold (in the low 50s° F) year round. The occupants of hand-powered craft are typically not prepared for strong currents and cold water temperatures, nor are they prepared for immersion and re-boarding their craft, or swimming to shore. In addition, vessel traffic can be congested in narrow canyons. Dues to these hazards, this restriction is necessary to ensure the safety of all vessel occupants.

- All vessels and devices capable of flotation or of transporting a person through the water (including submarines and submersible type vessels, sailboards and kite "surfboards") must be equipped with a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) of a wearable type for each person aboard or being transported. Using, or permitting to be used, a vessel that is not so equipped is prohibited. Each PFD must be serviceable, readily accessible, and of the proper size for the person intended. This requirement shall not apply to devices being used along the shoreline in a manner typical of recreational swimming; however this requirement shall apply when such swimming devices are used in a manner that causes them to be away from shore and in company with other vessels. This requirement does not authorize the use of any device in an area from which it is excluded by other regulation.

The primary preventable factor in drownings is failure to wear a PFD. Many unexpected factors can cause persons to become separated from their vessel or mode of transportation. Storms, winds, and accidents may occur at any time at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and the possibility of being separated from ones boat is real. For the safety of the general boating public this order is issued.

- Operation of a vessel above flat wake speed is prohibited in designated Semi-Primitive areas on Lake Mead, as defined in the Lake Management Plan, and indicated as follows:
 - In the area known as Grand Wash Bay, which is described as Arizona T33N; R16W, portions of sections 16, 17, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 33, and 34, and T331/2; R16W portions of sections 32 and 33; ([Link to Map](#))
 - In the area known as Bonelli Bay, which is described as Arizona T31N; R20W, portions of sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 30. ([Link to Map](#))

- In the area known as the Muddy River inflow to Lake Mead (Overton Wildlife Management Area), which is described as Nevada T16S; R68E, portions of sections 28, 29, 32, 33 and 34, and T17; R68E. ([Link to Map](#))

Semi-primitive areas are managed for a sense of peace and quiet, with some expectation of solitude. Noise levels will be low.

Please refer to § 3.8 (4) for detailed vessel size and length designations.

Buoy Courses:

- Use of temporary buoys for water ski “slalom” courses or personal watercraft courses, uniform sailing regattas, or similar uses, is permitted subject to the following conditions:
 1. The area where the buoys are to be placed must meet the following conditions:
 - a. Must be outside the developed area as defined in the backcountry management plan.
 - b. Must not interfere with normal “point-to-point” boat traffic.
 - c. Must be in an area large enough that the course is a minimum 100 feet from any shore and a minimum 500 feet from any beach frequented by bathers.
 2. The placing of the buoy course may not, in any way, pre-empt the use of water or shoreline area already in use by other recreational users.
 3. The buoys may not be left in place overnight.
 4. The use of any buoy course must be recreational and no competitive event is permitted unless authorized by Special Use Permit.
 5. There will be no more than one powerboat permitted on a buoy course at any given time.
 6. The maximum number of turns defined by buoys in any given course is limited to 6.
 7. All Federal and State regulations must be obeyed.

The use of Lake Mead National Recreation Area for water ski “slalom” courses, personal watercraft courses, uniform sailing regattas, or similar uses is appropriate. These conditions are necessary to provide for the protection of environmental values and avoid conflict among other visitor uses.

Waterskiing:

- A bright orange or bright red square or rectangular flag, each side no less than 12 inches in length, shall be displayed when a skier is down and in the water. The term ‘skier’ shall include all persons being towed behind a vessel regardless of the type of towed device, including water ski, inflatable tube, knee board, etc.

Persons in the water are difficult to observe by boaters. A ski flag warns other boaters of the person’s presence, and notifies them to use caution. This condition is a necessary safety requirement for all vessels towing skiers.

Fishing:

- Docks designated for fishing access are primarily to accommodate physically challenged fishermen. All other fishermen are prohibited from interfering with the use of fishing docks by physically challenged fishermen.

Physically challenged fishermen have difficulty fishing from shore. Physically challenged fishermen have very few areas that they can access safely without assistance from others. Docks provide physically challenged fishermen safe and secure access to the water for fishing. This order grants physically challenged fishermen priority of use over fishermen who have no physical limitations.

- Fishing is prohibited in harbors, in or from marinas, from boats moored within marinas, and in mooring areas. Fishing may be permitted within harbors when posted by appropriate signs. The Willow Beach Harbor for the purpose of this order is defined as that area within the confines of the flat wake buoys extending from the Arizona shoreline to a point approximately 3/4 of the distance to the Nevada shoreline.
- Underwater spear and bow fishing is closed within ¼ mile of all existing developed areas for public safety. This regulation is to include all shoreline campgrounds, docks, launch ramps, breakwaters, any building or shed, pump out stations, floating structures, houseboats, campers, motor-homes, trailers, tents, vehicles, and trailheads.
The term underwater spear fishing is defined as fishing by a person swimming or diving and using a mechanical device held in the hand which uses a remember band, spring, or pneumatic power to propel a spear to take any type of fish.
- Bow fishing is defined as fishing or taking of any fish by the means of archery tackle from a boat or the shore.
- Spear and Bow fishing requirements:
 1. All participants must possess a valid fishing license and/ or State use stamp
 2. Fishing with a bow or spear is allowed from official sunrise to sunset daily with no closed season annually
 3. The use of artificial light is prohibited
 4. Daily spear fishing take is limited to 1 stripped bass greater than 30 inches. Smaller striped bass may be taken without limit by spear-fishing only
 5. Carp can be taken without limit: however they may not be abandoned on the shoreline or sunk in the lakes to get rid of the fish.

Fishing in harbors and mooring areas creates conflict and adds to congestion. Fairways and water areas within harbors must remain clear of obstructions and nuisances, so as to allow unimpaired navigation in all conditions. Docks that are provided solely for boater access and mooring must remain free of other uses. In congested areas, the casting of hooks poses a safety hazard.

Low-speed Vehicles & Golf Carts:

The following pertains to the private use of Low-speed Vehicles & Golf Carts with in the Lake Mead N.R.A. The use of Low-speed Vehicles & Golf Carts by government authorities, contractors, or concessioners is addressed with permits or contracts.

- Golf Carts meeting applicable state and federal standards are considered motor vehicles, and may be operated in limited areas within each developed area by licensed drivers. A "Golf cart" is defined as a motor vehicle that has not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, has an unladed weight of less than one thousand eight hundred pounds, is designed to be and is operated at not more than twenty-five miles per hour, is designed to carry not more than four persons including the driver).
- Operating a golf cart not in accordance with state and federal motor vehicle laws is prohibited:
 - The State of Arizona requires all golf carts to be licensed and insured as motor vehicles. They may only be operated in areas where the posted speed limit is such as that do not impede traffic or create a hazarded to traffic, as defined by the state of Arizona.
 - The State of Nevada: states Permits for Golf Carts NRS 482.398
 1. In a county whose population is 400,000 or more, a permit for the operation of a golf cart may be issued by the Department if the golf cart is equipped as required by subsection 2 and evidence of insurance as required for the registration of a motor vehicle is submitted when application for the permit is made.

2. A golf cart must have the following equipment:

- a. Headlamps;
 - b. Tail lamps, reflectors, stop lamps and an emblem or placard for slow moving vehicles;
 - c. A mirror; and
 - d. Brakes.
- Each of these items of equipment must meet the standards prescribed for motor vehicles generally.

- See www.dmvnv.com/lowspeed.htm for more information.

An enforcement/educational grace period for the required Nevada Golf Permit and placard will be honored by the National Park Service until January 2010.

Operating a permitted golf cart outside of designated areas is prohibited. It is the responsibility of the golf cart owner/operator to know what roads are designated as permissible for the operation of golf carts. Maps of designated areas are available in all developed areas. ([Link to Map\(s\)](#))

- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles that conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in 49 CFR 571.500, and which are licensed and insured, may be operated on park roads with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less. Operation of a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle on roadways with posted speed limits in excess of 35 MPH is prohibited, except to cross such a roadway at an intersection.
- The use of motorized skateboards, mini motorcycles (pocket rockets and other such motorcycles), and go-carts are prohibited within Lake Mead National Recreation Area
- The use of Segways™, or similar devices, within Lake Mead N.R.A. by persons with disabilities is considered the same as if the person was utilizing a motorized wheelchair. Therefore, Segways™, or similar devices will be granted the same consideration as a motorized wheelchair. The use of Segways™, or similar devices, within Lake Mead N.R.A. by all other persons will be controlled by the respective state law where it is being used.

Low-speed Vehicles & Golf Carts, offer a low-or no-emission alternative for local transportation within developed areas. However, low speed vehicles may create a hazard to occupants and to other motorists when operated on roads with higher speed limits. This order is issued to enhance the safety of the motoring public and to provide guidance to operators, wheel increasing the level of safety to those operators, and to provide greater protection of the resource

Bus Idling:

- Commercial tour or transportation buses that are not occupied by passengers may idle for a maximum of 5 minutes in developed areas. Idling in excess of 5 minutes while unoccupied is prohibited.
- Buses occupied or partially occupied by passengers, and in the process of loading or unloading passengers, may not idle for periods longer than 15 minutes.
- Area(s) may be designated where busses may idle during high summertime temperatures over 100 degrees. The east end of Last Chance Wash parking area located at Willow Beach, Arizona, and the hairpin curve parking area or the first parking area on the south side of the South Cove Road before entering South Cove Picnic Parking Area are areas of exemption.

- An exemption is granted to vehicles idling during the operation of Power Take Off (PTO) drive equipment and or winches, electric winches and other devices used by Grand Canyon Concession River Runners engaged in active removal of rafts, vessels and equipment from Lake Mead at Pearce Ferry or South Cove.

Idling diesel engines produce noise and noxious fumes, which adversely affect visitor health and visitor experience. These restrictions protect and enhance visitor experience, promote better air quality, and yet enable bus operators to heat and cool bus interiors for passenger comfort.

Scavenging:

- Removing material from trash or garbage containers is prohibited.

While the National Park Service lauds and encourages individual recycling efforts, rummaging through trash containers for the purpose of salvaging any materials deemed useful, either for personal use or monetary reward, constitutes economic gain and is not a legitimate recreational activity for which the area was established. Further, such efforts result in the scattering of trash, disruption to other visitors, and unsanitary conditions.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net.
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals).
- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
 - Camping permit required in developed campgrounds. Please refer to General Regulations section, §2.23 Fees.
 - See General Regulations section, §2.10, for additional camping information.
 - A permit is required when a campfire is built within 100 feet of an adjacent archeological site to include rock art done by Native Americans.
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
 - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
 - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
 - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71.10):
 - Fishing Tournaments.
 - Boat races or regattas.
 - Other Special Events.

- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives:
 - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Director)
 - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §3.3 Vessel use permit (vessel *Lake Use Pass*)
- §3.12(b) Towing a person using a parasail, hang-glider or other airborne device (see section III, §3.12(b))
- §3.19 The use of manned or unmanned submersibles
- §4.11(a) Vehicles exceeding load, weight and size limits (see section III, §4.10).
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution).
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).

Waiver of Commercial Use Authorization requirement for commercial providers of maintenance and improvements in long-term trailer villages and vacation cabin sites.

- Lessees and renters are authorized to perform, either on their own or through a third party, all maintenance or improvements on real or personal property in accordance with the following stipulation:
 - For maintenance or improvements being performed on the exterior of the trailer or on the trailer site the trailer site renter must obtain written approval, in advance, from the applicable authorized concessioner.
 - All work performed is included in and/or complies with standards in either the Lake Mead NRA Long Term Trailer Village Standards or Vacation Cabin Site policy.
 - Vacation cabin site lessees must obtain written approval, in advance, from the superintendent for any work or improvements addressed by the vacation cabin site policy.

- All work shall be in compliance with applicable standards and regulations including state and county building codes, and required permits.
 - Upon each entry, all commercial vendors entering a concession - operated trailer village must check in with the concessioner.
 - Work performed in violation of the above authorization and stipulations is ground for the immediate revocation of the vacation cabin site lease or long term trailer village site rental agreement and removal of all affected personal property and associated improvements from the recreation area.
 - This does not include authorization for commercial entities to provide any products or services of convenience otherwise available to the renter or lessee through a concessioner or from outside the recreation area. It does not allow for personal deliveries or services not associated directly with maintenance or improvement of the vacation cabin, long term trailer, or the sites upon which those items of personal property rest.
 - Commercial operators, with the exception of pest control services, are hereby authorized to perform repair, maintenance and improvement services to cabins within the approved cabin site areas and trailers located in the concession operated long term trailer villages without obtaining a Commercial Use Authorization.
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
 - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
 - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
 - §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available).
 - §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
 - §7.48(c) Parking motor vehicles and trailers in excess of 7 days.
 - §7.48(f) Exemption from vessel noise level limitations in marine regattas or races.
 - §9.15 Use of park roads by commercial vehicles:
 - (a)(1) In addition to a permit fee (\$100 minimum), a fee of \$0.03 per ton mile will be charged for each commercial load of hard rock minerals, oil or gas transported over park roads related to mining.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- Driftwood may be collected from below the high waterline and used in campfires within the recreation area.
- Dead and downed wood, on the ground, may be collected and used for campfires on the Shivwits Plateau.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- In areas open to hunting, during a legal hunt period, and in accordance with federal and state law. (For additional information, see 36 CFR §2.2; 36 CFR §2.4; Nevada state hunting regulations; and Arizona state hunting regulations,).

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- Camping within Lake Mead National Recreation Area is limited to 90 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period. Camping in excess of 90 days is considered to be residency, except in marinas and trailer villages; see 3(a) and (b) below.
- Backcountry camping is permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Backcountry Management Plan as modified in this document as follows:
 - (a) Camping is limited to:
 - 15 days: In all backcountry or beach camping areas, except as listed below.
 - (b) Campers must move to another camp area at least one-half mile away for a minimum of 15 days before returning to the same camp area.
 - (c) Vehicle camping is permitted in designated camp areas only. Those areas are identified in the Backcountry Management Plan, on the park's approved road map and on-site with the approved camping symbol sign.
 - (d) The areas know as North and South Telephone Cove, Cabin Site Point, and Princes Cove, Arizona, and Placer Cove, Nevada; are CLOSED to camping.
 - (e) Vehicle camping is permitted ONLY in designated campgrounds within the area commonly referred to as Boulder Basin, and defined as all land areas north of U.S. 93 and west of a line drawn from Promontory Point north to Roadrunner Cove. For the purposes of this section, Government Wash is a designated undeveloped camping area.
 - (f) Backpack and horseback camping is not permitted within one-half mile of any designated roadway except at designated campsites.
 - (g) The following areas are added to the list of designated backcountry campsites:
 - Burro Wash
 - Bighorn Cove
 - Horse Thief Canyon
 - Cranes Nest Wash
 - 2 B's Mine
 - Old U.S. 93 Road at mile 12 (north of Willow Beach)
 - Fire Mountain Wash
 - Walker Bay
 - Scanlon Hill
 - Yucca Camp
 - Lonesome Wash

- A vessel may not be used for overnight stays for more than 15 days within any 30-day period while moored at a marina or buoy within a harbor.
- A vessel may not be used for overnight stays for more than 120 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period. Any time in excess of 120 days is considered to be residency.
- Camping at developed campgrounds is permitted as follows:
 - One camping unit, i.e., motor home or camp trailer. (A maximum of two motorized vehicles, four motorcycles or combination thereof if towed or carried on or by a camper may occupy a site).
 - Motor vehicles and trailers must be parked in designated areas at each site. Park Rangers have the authority to require campers to move excess vehicles to a site designated by the Ranger.
 - Maximum of eight (8) persons may occupy one site.
 - Camping Limit is 30 days all campgrounds, except:
 - 15 days in the lower Cottonwood Cove Campground from September 30 to April 15.
- Visitor Trailer Villages:
 - Long Term - Occupancy of a trailer within a concessioner-operated visitor trailer village is limited up to 180 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period. Occupancy in excess of 180 days is considered to be residency and is prohibited.
 - Short Term - Occupancy of a concessioner-operated short term trailer village is limited up to 90 days in a consecutive twelve (12) month period.
- Refer to 36 CFR 2.10 for further information about camping and food storage.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Fires are permitted in grills, fire rings, portable stoves, portable barbecues, and portable fireplaces within developed areas in all campgrounds and picnic areas. Except as stated above, fires are prohibited in developed areas.
- Campfires are permitted throughout the backcountry.
- The use of woods or items to produce a fire may not have foreign materials like staples, nails, screws, or plastics. All trash must be removed from fire pits upon completion of use. The campfire may not exceed four feet height and four feet wide at any time.

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- Burning of garbage, refuse, or discarded materials (regardless of the physical make up of the items) is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:

- All persons camping within one quarter (1/4) mile of the shore of Lake Mead and Lake Mohave, except at undeveloped locations designated by the Superintendent as having constructed toilets, shall have a means to contain solid human waste such as a portable toilet, a marine toilet on a vessel or a self-contained toilet in a recreation vehicle. A method of containing solid human waste is required for these locations if campsites are more than 200 yards from any constructed toilet facility.

Use of a plastic or paper bag as a receptacle for solid human waste and/or for disposal of solid human waste is prohibited.

The use of disposable bags or containers which package human waste and render it safe for disposal as a solid waste, and which meet applicable state and federal regulations, are permitted.

Disposal of solid human waste within one quarter (1/4) mile of the shore of Lake Mead and Lake Mohave in any manner other than into a human waste container as described above, a toilet or human waste disposal facility designed for that purpose is prohibited.

Human waste from containers shall be disposed of only in designated pump-out or dump station facilities. Disposing of human waste from containers into restroom facility toilets, trash receptacles or in any other manner than into designated facilities within the recreation area is prohibited. The disposal of bags or containers which package human waste and render it safe for disposal as a solid waste, and which meet applicable state and federal regulations, are exempted from this prohibition, and may be disposed of in trash receptacles.

Overboard discharge of human waste, treated or untreated, from any vessel into or upon park lands or waters is prohibited.

Existing regulations for disposal of solid human waste do not adequately protect the shoreline recreational setting or the water quality of Lake Mead and Lake Mohave because of visitor use patterns and fluctuating lake levels. Disposal of solid human waste as required above is necessary to protect human health and the environment, including water quality.

The use of plastic or paper bags is prohibited because, when they are put into human waste facilities, they may clog the system or cause damage to equipment. Human waste disposal facilities utilize a vacuum process that cannot work properly if plastic or paper bags are disposed of into them.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Owners or persons having custody or control of any animal(s) will immediately remove and dispose of excrement voided by an animal(s) under their control. Excrement will be properly disposed of in trash containers.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- Pet owners will comply with all applicable county and state regulations pertaining to pets.
- An Annual Pet Permit from Lake Mead NRA is required for each pet.
- All pets will be inoculated per state & county regulations, and will wear tags identifying their owner.
- No more than a total of two pets or two fish aquariums may be kept
- Breeding operations shall not be conducted on a regular basis and off-spring shall be removed from the park within a three-month period.
- Wildlife shall not be kept in violation of state or federal law.
- The keeping of exotic animals with potential to survive within Lake Mead Recreation Area should they escape is prohibited.
- The keeping of farm animals (which include but are not limited to: horses, burros, goats, or pot bellied pigs) is prohibited.
- The keeping of wild animals native to the area or unusually large or dangerous pets is also prohibited.
- Excessive noise or offensive conditions created by any pet are prohibited.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

- Horses and pack animals may be ridden or used throughout the recreation area except in picnic areas, campgrounds and;
 - Boulder Beach, along the beach from the Causeway/Dive Park south to Special Events Beach.
 - Callville Bay ¼ mile from the developed area along the beach.
 - Echo Bay ¼ mile north of the developed area to the causeway.
 - Temple Bar ¼ mile on each side of the launch ramp along the beach area.
 - Overton Beach from the former concessions RV Park south along the beach to the launch ramp not including the roadway.
 - Katherine's landing along the beach in the areas known as South Telephone Cove.
 - Cottonwood Cove along the beach within the harbor limits not including the road or paved areas.
 - Willow Beach from the fish hatchery to the south parking lot not including the roadway.

36 CFR § 2.20 - SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, and SIMILAR DEVICES

- The following areas are open to the use of skates, rollerblades, skateboards, non motorized scooters, and similar devices:
 - All NPS and concession residential areas.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- Pursuant to 36 CFR §7.48(c);
 - Vehicles or boat trailers, or vehicle/boat trailer combination, may be left unattended for periods up to 7 days, when parked in parking areas adjacent to designated boat launching sites, without written permission obtained in advance from the Superintendent.
 - Any vehicle or boat trailer or vehicle/boat trailer combinations which are left in parking areas adjacent to designated boat launching sites in excess of 7 days without written permission obtained in advance from the Superintendent may be impounded by the Superintendent.
 - Airplanes may be left unattended for periods up to 7 days at Echo Bay airstrip and Temple Bar airstrip without written permission obtained in advance from the Superintendent.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

- Entrance Fee Areas:

Lake Mead National Recreation Area currently has an Entrance Fee system that utilizes four entrance stations. Additional fee collection sites are planned.

Entrance stations are currently at the following locations:

Boulder Beach, NV (Boulder City, NV)
 Lake Mead Drive, NV (Henderson, NV)
 Lake Mead Boulevard NV (North Las Vegas, NV)
 Katherine Landing, AZ (Bullhead City, AZ)

- Recreation Fees (See Appendix A)

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- On the beach and/or parking area at the end of Approved Road 47, and within a one mile radius of Placer Cove, Nevada ([Link to Map](#))

Easy access to the lake has made this location popular for a variety of different uses. High cliffs (commonly used for cliff jumping) also make this an attractive location. Late-night parties, alcohol consumption, and underage drinking have contributed to visitor conflicts and safety concerns in this area. Alcohol use is a factor in falling/jumping injuries and fatalities, and in drowning. Incidents of aberrant behavior related to the consumption of alcohol at this location have been of such magnitude that the diligent application of authorities in this section and § 2.34 of this chapter over a reasonable time period have not alleviated the problem.

- The consumption or direct possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person operating a vessel within Lakes Mead and Mohave is prohibited.

Boating is a potentially hazardous activity. Operators of vessels must devote full time and attention to boating. Alcohol impairment by boat operators directly affects safe boat operation, and alcohol impairment is a known factor in boating accidents, injuries and fatalities at Lake Mead NRA. This closure is of the water area of Lakes Mead And Mohave when operating a vessel is in authorities § 2.36 (3)(i)(A) of this chapter

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, or in the following designated areas without a permit, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- The scattering of human ashes from cremation, without a permit, is allowed under the following terms and conditions:
 - The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
 - The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.
 - The scattering of remains from the air is to be performed at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.
 - No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.

36 CFR § 3.8 VESSEL OPERATIONS:

(a)(2) The following areas/sites are designated for the launching or recovery of vessels;

- Paved launch ramps are approved for launching vessels.
- At Boulder Beach, from the area known as Special Events Beach to Hemenway Harbor, designated areas will be marked and posted for launching small vessels and personal watercraft (PWC). Vehicles, boat trailers, and vehicle/boat trailer combinations may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours within this day use area (see Boulder Beach, under *Visiting Hours*, above).
- Where park approved roads access undeveloped areas of Lake Mead and Lake Mohave, the terminus of the approved road at the shoreline is designated for launching vessels. Traveling off of designated approved roads or outside of designated areas for the purpose of launching vessels is prohibited.
- And other areas as approved by the Superintendent

(a)(4) Operating a vessel in excess of a length, width, ...

For the purposes of this paragraph vessel length and/or width is measured according to the simplified criteria established in 46 CFR chapter I or 33 CFR chapter I; which is explained below .

- Private vessels over **75 feet in total length** and/or **22 feet total beam** are prohibited. For purposes of this section, total length and beam include all temporary and permanent appurtenances. Manually operated gangplanks designed for passenger boarding that retracts flush with the hull when the vessel is underway will be exempted from the appurtenance clause. Total length will be determined by a straight line measurement from the foremost part of the vessel to the aft most part of the vessel, measured end to end over the deck, and measured parallel to the centerline, with all appurtenances, (excluding gangplanks) in a fully extended position. Total beam will be determined by a straight-line measurement from the outer most sides of the vessel at its widest point with all appurtenances in a fully extended position.

Private vessels will not be allowed to be constructed on site at any location in Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Construction includes but is not limited to welding together hull parts, adding any permanent appurtenances, or expanding the width or length as described above. Exemptions will be provided on a case by case basis only for commercial operations with valid concession contracts.

Exceptions: Any boats registered and on the waters of Lake Mead National Recreation Area prior to September 1, 2000, that exceed the described conditions will be permitted with the stipulation that no other modifications to total length or total beam may be made. Sailboat booms may exceed this standard when underway outside the harbor areas; however, must meet this standard when not under sail.

36 CFR § 3.12 MAY I USE A VESSEL TO TOW A PERSON FOR WATER SKIING OR OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVATES?

(a) The towing of persons by vessels is allowed in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- Towing of persons on water skis, surfboards, and similar devices by vessels is allowed on all waters within the recreational area except in areas posted as closed or where prohibited under 36 CFR 3.12

(b) Towing a person using a parasail, hang-glider or other airborne device may be allowed only in accordance with a permit issued by the superintendent.

- Non commercial private persons are authorized to tow a person using a parasail, hang-glider or other airborne device only in the areas described in the attached map, on Lakes Mead ([Link to Map](#)) and Mohave ([Link to Map](#)).
- The use of a parasail, hang-glider or other airborne device that has been recalled or otherwise removed from the public market or listed by a recognized regulatory body as unsafe is not permitted to be used on the waters of Lake Mead and Mohave.
- Commercial or non-private operations are not authorized under this permit.

36 CFR §3.16– MAY I SWIM OR WADE IN PARK WATERS?

Swimming or wading is allowed in waters, subject to closures or restrictions designated by the superintendent. The following areas are closed to swimming and wading:

- Harbors, marinas, mooring areas, and launch ramps.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document:

- Backcountry Approved Roads are identified in the Backcountry Management Plan, copies of which are on file at the Headquarters Office located at 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, Nevada 89005, and at each Ranger Station located within the recreation area.
[Overton Arm area map](#)
[Hoover Dam area map](#)
[Lake Mohave South area map](#)
[Temple Bar area map](#)

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

(b)(1) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permits as noted:

- Vehicles up to and including 102" (8-1/2') wide are permitted on park roads. Beyond this width limit requires a special permit. (This does not include trailers being pulled by a vehicle).
- Vehicles and trailers may not exceed state height requirements (14' in Nevada, and 13-1/2' in Arizona).
- Overall length (vehicle and any trailers) may not exceed 70 feet. Overall length and width permits will be granted to Grand Canyon Concession River Runners and trailers using Pearce Ferry and South Cove roads retrieving rafts only during daylight hours. No exception will be granted for vehicles, boats, and any trailers over 120" or 10 feet wide.
- Vehicles and trailers exceeding established size limits require a permit issued by the Superintendent, and appropriate state highway permits.

Appendix A

- Recreational Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2009

Annual Entrance Pass (vehicle)	\$20.00
Additional Annual Entrance Pass (vehicle)	\$10.00
Annual Lake Use Pass (vessel)	\$20.00
Additional Annual Lake Use Pass (vessel)	\$10.00
Interagency Annual Pass	\$80.00
Daily Pass (vehicle)	\$ 5.00
Daily Pass (Individual person)	\$ 3.00
Daily Pass (vessel) 1 st	\$10.00
Daily Pass (vessel) 2 nd	\$ 5.00
Interagency Senior Pass	\$10.00
Interagency Access Pass	\$ 0.00
Vessel with Interagency Senior Pass	\$10.00

- Commercial Tour Category:

Entry is valid for five (5) days, only for the same vehicle and the same group. Fees will be levied on vehicle capacity and are not pro-rated for those passengers who may be exempt from fees, such as, National Park Pass, Golden Access, Golden Age, Golden Eagle passport holders or those under the age of 16. This was calculated into the fees coordinated with the National Transportation Association and the National Bus Association in conjunction with national tour meetings. Commercial tour rates:

Sedan (1-6 persons)	\$ 25.00
Van (7-15 persons)	\$ 50.00
Mini-Bus (16-25 persons)	\$ 60.00
Motor Coach (26+ persons)	\$150.00

- Local Shuttle Service Category:

Local shuttle services are any service originating and terminating, during the same day, in either Clark County, Nevada, or Mohave County, Arizona, and staying within Clark or Mohave Counties during the entire day or service. Local shuttle service will be required to obtain a Commercial Use Authorization recognizing their qualification and classification as a local shuttle service. Only those services that complete the CUA process will be charged at the per person rate, all others will be assessed the per vehicle commercial tour rate.

- No passenger or vehicle size limits
- Flat rate per person of \$3.00, or total rate of \$150 per vehicle, whichever is less
- Interagency Annual, Senior, and /or Access Passes will be honored
- Those under the age of 16, enter free

- Daily Campground Use Fee Areas:

Regular per day	\$10.00
Interagency Senior/ Access Pass per day	\$ 5.00
Group Use per day	\$30.00

- Special Recreation Permit Fee (Such as but not limited to, group activities, recreation events, and the use of motorized recreation vehicles):

Fishing Tournament (49 people or less):	\$ 50.00
Fishing Tournament (50 people or more):	\$ 200.00 (\$100.00 application fee, \$100.00 permit fee) plus all support costs.
Other activities:	\$ 200.00 (\$100.00 application fee, \$100.00 permit fee) plus all support costs.